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HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTS ART ANSELENE AS ACTING TOWN MANAGER *Swearing-In Scheduled for February 23*

Herndon, VA (February 15, 2007) – The Herndon Town Council has tapped a 30-year veteran of the Town as acting town manager, appointing Arthur A. Anselene to fill the position vacated by departing Town Manager Stephen F. Owen.

Anselene, currently the Town's director of Parks & Recreation, will assume the acting town manager post on Thursday, March 1.

"Art's extensive management experience, his operations expertise and his thorough knowledge of Town practices and policies make him the ideal candidate to fill this critical position," said Mayor Stephen J. DeBenedittis. "We are fortunate to have among our ranks an executive of his caliber, and we look forward to working with him on the many pressing issues Council and staff are managing on behalf of Town citizens."

Anselene joined the Town staff in 1976. Under his leadership, the Parks & Recreation department became one of only 66 elite parks and recreation agencies in the country and the fourth in Virginia to receive national agency accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), and the department is a three-time winner of the National Gold Medal Award for Excellence by the National Recreation and Park

Association and the National Sports Foundation, Inc. Anselene has overseen the development of a comprehensive parks and recreation system for the Town to include a dozen parks, the indoor tennis center at Bready Park and the flagship Herndon Community Center, first opened in 1979 and newly renovated in 2006. Anselene holds a Bachelor of Science degree in recreation from Fairmont State College and a Master of Arts degree in recreation administration from the University of Maryland.

Anselene will be sworn in on Friday, February 23, 2007, at 3 pm in the Council Chambers, 765 Lynn St. The oath of office will be administered by John Frey, clerk of the Fairfax County District Court. A reception follows; both the swearing-in and reception are open to the public.

The Town will be hiring an executive search firm to recruit a permanent replacement for Owen, who departs February 28 to assume the city manager post in Staunton, VA. Throughout Anselene's tenure in the post, the position of Parks & Recreation director will be filled by Cindy S. Roeder, currently manager of recreation services for the department.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the "best affordable suburbs" in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

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